Quihi & New Fountain Kistorical Society

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Victoria Rutson, Chief Section of Environmental Analysis Surface Transportation Board Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No 34284, Southwest Gulf Railroad Company - Construction and Operation Exemption - Invitation to be Consulting Party under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Dear Ms. Rutson;

The Quihi and New Fountain Historical Society has been established to help preserve the community's character, individuality, and vitality by recording the past and documenting the history of Quihi and New Fountain. We want to be included in your investigation and will be submitting infortmaion with regard to historic and cultural resources in the Quihi and New Fountain Area.

The individual nominated to act as spokesperson for our group is:

Mrs. Cynthia Lindsey P.O. Box 93 190 CR 4512 Hondo, TX 78861 (830) 741-4041

If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact Mrs. Lindsey. Thank you for the invitation and we look forward to working with the STB in the future.

Regards,

Cynthia Lindsey

Treasurer